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AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS

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-- Title: Process for the Dewatering of Aqueous Suspensions --

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**Title**

~~Dewatering process~~

*Process for the dewatering of aqueous suspensions*

**Preliminary Class**

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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference WW/3-22357	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	
International application No. PCT/EP2005/002078	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/02/2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 12/03/2004
Applicant  CIBA SPECIALTY CHEMICALS WATER TREATMENTS LIMITED		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

**1. Basis of the report**

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b.  With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2.  Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3.  Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:  
PROCESS FOR THE DEWATERING OF AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.: \_\_\_\_\_

as suggested by the applicant.

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as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b.  none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.